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Captain H. W. Howe, USN
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Newport, Rhode Island

Dear Captain Howe:

At the suggestion of Admiral Hillebrand, I am writing you directly in connection with your recent request for "certain studies consisting of basic intelligence data for the faculty and students at the Naval War College."

It would be most helpful if you would be so kind as to elaborate on the very brief instructions given us for the preparation of this project. Among others, information on the following points would be of material assistance:

- a. Will the material be used for academic exercises only so that the matter of including the most recent information on the area is of relatively minor importance?
- b. Are the exercises to be detailed or general - that is, is it important for instance that the exact dimensions of airfield runways be given, or is it sufficient to state that an airfield of certain class exists?
- c. Are bibliographies or references of any value to you or do you wish merely to have pulled together selected materials readily available?
- d. Do you wish CIA to get materials from State, Army, Navy, and Air Force to supplement what we have in our files, or, do you now have access to the basic materials produced by these departments (as well as British handbooks)?
- e. Shall we send you one copy only of the collected data or is it necessary to reproduce it in quantity to serve your purpose? If the latter, how many copies?
- f. Is the deadline of 1 August firm or should we plan to give as full a report as possible bearing in mind this date but taking longer if necessary to do the more complete job?

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I regret burdening you with such questions, but the project involves considerable in the way of man-hours and we naturally want to come up, as nearly as we can, with what will be most useful to you. Short of having had the opportunity of discussing this with you personally, this seems the best way of proceeding, however cumbersome the approach.

Respectfully yours,

P.S. Are there any restrictions ^{regarding} ~~of~~ classification of material made available?

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